

Claye was cleared at the appointed hour, 9:00 A. M. Hourly halts of 10 minutes were made during the march and at 11:50 A. M. a halt until 1:00 P. M. for dinner was made. The dinner was served from the rolling kitchens. Starting again at 1:00 P. M., the march was continued. Inglinghem was reached at 3:40 P. M. (*see Plate IV*) and the regiment bivouacked under shelter tents on a gradually sloping hill.

This was the only time the regiment as a whole had been under shelter tents and it is regretted that owing to G. H. Q. regulations no photograph could be made. It was not necessary to have any lights at night, the days being very long. All men were in bed before dark, which fell about 9:30 P. M.

JUNE 29TH—CLOUDY AND COOL

The march was continued at 9:00 A. M. under very favorable conditions, as had prevailed yesterday. Roads were very good, the weather was cloudy, but not damp, and the thermometer registering about 80. When the column halted for dinner at noon the main body was in St. Martin just west of St. Omer. At 1:00 P. M. the march was continued and with the usual 10-minute halts per hour the column reached Arques at 2:00 P. M. Billeting parties of one officer per battalion and one N. C. O. per company had been sent ahead in the morning. This proved to be too small a party and much time was consumed in waiting for the billeting parties to guide the companies to their billets. However, billeting was completed before dark and supper served from the rolling kitchens.

Major Campbell rejoined the regiment in the forenoon.

The city of Arques had presented in the afternoon a deserted appearance. Several buildings had been wrecked by air raids, and on the night of June 29-30 the raiders continued their work of destruction. Fortunately none of the regiment or attached units were injured.

Colonel H. B. Ferguson, Corps Engineer, spent the night at Regimental Headquarters.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH—FAIR AND WARM

The march was continued on the morning of the thirtieth at 8:30 A. M. Billeting parties were again sent forward to arrange for billeting, the First Battalion was to go to Terdeghem and the Second Battalion to stop in Bavinchove and Oxelaere. At Oxelaere the two battalions separated about noon, the First Battalion and attached platoons going on to Terdeghem, where they arrived at 2:00 P. M. and pitched tents in the Chateau Grounds P. 10 c. *See Plate V and photo 23.*

The Second Battalion and attached platoons after having dinner and waiting for the billeting officers to complete their work, which extended over a wide area, many of the billets being occupied by French troops, were finally billeted as follows: *See Plate V.*

Second Battalion Headquarters in Bavinchove	at 0 15 d 9.9
Second Battalion Transport at farm	at 0 34 b 5.5
Company "D" at farm	at 0 22 b 5.0
Company "E" at farm	at 0 34 b 5.5
Company "F" at farm	at 0 29 a 9.8
117th Pioneer Platoon at farm	at 0 22 d 8.0
118th Pioneer Platoon at farm	at 0 28 c 9.0

Regimental Headquarters was established at 0 16 b 7.7 in the Chateau. The Engineer Train was billeted at 0 17 c 5.5 (*see Plate V*). In the afternoon Major Lyerly reported back and took command of 2nd Battalion. Lieutenants Williams, R. M., and Trescott, J. H., with the N. C. O.'s, returned from their visit to Ypres Sector. Also the men who had been unable to make the march reported from Nordausque by lorrie.

On the night of June 30th-July 1st, in addition to a visit by enemy airmen, the First Battalion came under enemy artillery fire, a number of shells passing over the camp that were evidently intended for the Cassel-Steenvorde-Poperinghe road just north of them.

For training actually accomplished for the period from June 18th to June 30th, *see Battalion reports, Chapter V.*